



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2

Meeting Date: Wednesday September 3, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. CST
Meeting Location: Wheatfield Library, Wheatfield, IN

Council Members Present: Terrance Ciboch, Mark Brown (Proxy for Judge Harper), Sharon Mathew, Dee Lynch, Ron Fisher, Jack McGlone, Melissa Johnson, Don Amidei, Jade Palin (proxy for Claudia Clark) and Sandi Beckett

Council Members Absent: Judge Michael Shurn, Magistrate Nancy Gettinger, and Christy Turbett

Others In Attendance: Dion Smith Sr., Joni Tusing, Michelle Goebel, Crystal Williams, Lou Richey, Lisa Whitaker, Hani Hugo, Jim Burns, Lisa Sharp, Melanie Dooley, Dion Campbell, Sylvia Roldan and Tai Crayton

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Terrance Ciboch, Regional Manager for Region #2, at 5:35 P.M. CST.

1. Roll was called, and the Regional Service Council introduced. It was noted that a quorum was present and seated.
2. May 7, 2014 minutes: Jack McGlone made a motion to accept the May 7th minutes and was seconded by Sharon Mathew. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.
3. Program / Committee Reports:
Lisa Sharp presented the following summaries to the council:

Community Partners Summary Report (July, 2013 – June, 2014)
Tot Shop (May – August, 2014)
Sample of a new Community Partners quarterly newsletter

Mr. Ciboch requested a fiscal report for our next meeting. Lisa was also happy to report that they are fully staffed in all locations at this time.

4. Unfinished Business:

None

5. New Business:

A) Regional Service Coordinator:

Dion Smith Sr. reported RFP's (Requests for Proposals) opened yesterday and will remain open until October 15th. The current RFP's are for:

1. Community Based Services
2. Homebuilders
3. Community Partners for Child Safety

B) Quarry Initiative – Dion Campbell

Dion Campbell who is a member of the Michigan City Police Department gave a presentation of the program The Quarry: Shaping Men for Life. Dion firmly believes the male children involved with DCS would benefit from the program due to having the opportunity to observe and be mentored by positive males. After the PowerPoint presentation and a discussion, it was determined to be a positive program for the male children. Dee Lynch made a motion to pursue the development of a service standard to include a mentoring service and was seconded by Melissa Jackson. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.

C) Quality Service Review:

Lisa Whitaker and Hani Hugo presented a handout and a PowerPoint of Region #2's recent review. Mr. Ciboch went over the PowerPoint and explained how the region was scored, which was very well. During a management meeting it was determined by the RM and management of Region #2 to work on two different elements: Team Functioning and Father Engagement. Region #2 management with the help of Hani, Nakia and Dion Smith Sr. will meet on October 14th to discuss how to develop improvements on the two elements.

6. Public Testimony/Announcements:

Jim Burns asked Regional Service Coordinator Dion Smith Sr. if the agency can make an adjustment for mileage rates. Dion stated it has been brought up in a different region but no decision has been made at this time.

7. A motion to adjourn was made by Jack McGlone and seconded by Sharon Mathew, motion passed without opposition, meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. CST.

The next regular meeting will be November 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wheatfield Town Library, in Wheatfield, IN.